

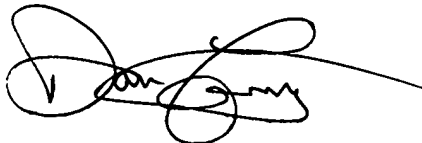
REMARKS

The present application is a U.S. national stage application of PCT application 99/09059. As such, the relevant standard to be applied in requiring restriction is that of unity of invention. The examiner has set forward arguments for restriction based on domestic U.S. practice, which is not applicable to the present application. Applicants respectfully request that all claims be examined together, as unity of invention is present. Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-7, with traverse.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants consider that the rejections of record have been obviated and respectfully solicit passage of the application to issue.

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